

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023 at 02:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence Wednesday. Moderate for deteriorating conditions and rising freezing levels through Thursday and Friday, but low for timing. Low confidence over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023: Cold but mainly dry with light winds. Sunny spells on the coast, but cloudy elsewhere.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	20%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Weather: Some sunshine near the coast this morning otherwise largely cloudy. The odd very light shower possible, but dry for most. Lowering cloud with light snow, rain in the glens, spreading in from the west towards midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in the west, 60% in the east

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good or excellent visibility outside of any low cloud. Cloud bases mostly above the summits in the west, perhaps touching the highest summits around dawn. Occasional cloud down to 800m across eastern hill, most likely towards Ben Lomond. Extensive cloud dropping to the lower slopes by midnight.

Forecast for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/5 E	9/12 NE	5/7 NE	6/8 N	7/10 SE	10/14 SE	15/19 SE
900	6/8 SE	5/7 NE	4/6 N	5/8 N	6/9 SE	10/13 SE	12/16 SE
600	6/7 NE	7/10 NE	5/8 NE	4/7 N	8/11 SE	7/10 SE	9/12 SE
300	3/5 N	7/10 NE	5/8 NE	3/5 N	7/11 SE	6/10 E	9/18 E
Glen	7/13 NE	6/10 NE	4/7 NE	3/5 NE	7/12 S	5/10 E	4/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-5/-8	-5/-10	-4/-7	-2/-6	-3/-7	-4/-9	-4/-10
900	-3/-6	-0/-3	0/-2	2/-1	1/-2	-1/-6	-2/-7
600	0/-3	1/-3	3/0	4/2	3/0	2/-1	2/-2
300	2/0	4/1	5/3	7/6	6/3	4/3	4/1
Glen	4/1	7/4	9/8	10/9	8/6	6/4	5/4
Freezing Level*	300m	400m	500m	600m	700m	700m	700m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note low freezing level and cold summit temperatures. Moderate UV levels despite cloud cover.

Forecast for Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Weather: Persistent snow, rain on the lower slopes through the early hours, turning heavier at times in the morning. Becoming lighter through the afternoon, with snow becoming confined to the higher summits.

Maximum wind: Southeast 15-20 mph, gusting 25 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor visibility throughout with cloud likely to be persistent down to the lower slopes.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to plus 7 Celsius.

At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 4 Celsius.

Freezing level: 500m, rising to 900m around midday, then 1200m in the afternoon.